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1. NEWS ADVISORY WILLIAMS MOGADISCIO

THE SOMALI NEWSPAPER, OCTOBER STAR, SAID IN AN EDITORIAL MONDAY THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST IS TIMELY. THE PAPER SAID HE SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT TWO THINGS: ARAB WILLINGNESS FOR PEACE AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO PROTECT THEIR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE SOMALI NEWSPAPER SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD RESIST ANY EFFORT TO REPLACE THE SOVIET UNION IN ARAB MINDS BECAUSE SUCH MOVES ARE NON-STARTERS. THE ARABS, IT SAYS, ARE NOT LIKELY TO FORGET SOVIET MILITARY SUPPORT. THE STAR FEELS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S MISSION IS NOT TO SEAL PEACE BUT TO GIVE ISRAEL A GOOD SHOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. THE PAPEGSADDS HOWEVER IT IS ONLY FAIR TO COMMENT THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN THE MOST EVEN HANDED THAT ANY AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IS EVER LIKELY TO BE ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION. ITEM

2. CORRESPONDENTS REPORT BY DAVID WILLIAMS MOGADISCIO

OAU OVERNITER

INTRO: THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE MEETING IN MOGADISCIO SOMALIA CONTINUES ITS DISCUSSION OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM TUESDAY MORNING. VOA CORRESPONDENT DAVID WILLIAMS CABLED THAT STORY FROM MOGADISCIO.

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TEXT: THE MAIN QUESTION FACING THE OAU MINISTERS IS HOW TO BRING

ABOUT UNITY WITHIN THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO CONFERENCE SOURCES, THE FORTY TWO MEMBER BODY IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF A THIRD LIBERATION GROUP KNOWN AS UNITA. THE OAU ALREADY RECLGNISES TWO OTHER GROUPS: THE MPLA AND FNLA. THE SOURCES SAID ONCE ALL THREE GROUPS ARE RECOGNISED THEN EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO CONSOLIDATE THE MOVEMENTS TO NEGOTIATE AS ONE ELEMENT WITH THE PORTUGUESE ON THE INDEPENDENCE QUESTION. SEVERAL DELEGATES TOLD VOA THAT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IS RUNNING WAY BEHIND SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF THE PORTUGUESE QUESTION AND COULD WELL RUN BEYOND ITS PLANNED CLOSING ON TUESDAY. THE OAU SUMMIT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON IN THE SOMALI CAPITAL.

ON MONDAY, THE AFRICAN MINISTERS ALSO TOOK UP THE QUESTIONS OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE SEYCHELLES CHIEF MINISTER, JAMES MANCHAM. THIS WAS APPROVED BY THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE AND GOES BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE OAU HAD PREVIOUSLY RECOGNISED THE OPPOSITION IN THE SEYCHELLES.

THE MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT VICE PRESIDENT, MARCELLINO DOS SANTOS TOLD THE OAU ABOUT THE RECENT TALKS WITH PORTUGAL IN LUSAKA. HE SAID FRELIMO WAS DEMANDING THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE AND THAT POWER BE TURNED OVER TO FRELIMO BY THE PORTUGUESE.

DROUGHT HAS ALSO BEEN A MAJOR TOPIC. AN OAU SPOKESMAN SAID THE GENERAL FEELING WAE THAT IT WAS NIGHTTIME AFRICA GAVE MORE ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT THE MOGADISCIO CONFERENCE MAY SET UP A COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, SEEK MEDIUM AND LONG-RANGE SOLUTIONS, AND TRY TO USE AFRICA'S OWN RESOURCES IN MEETING THE CRISIS.

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IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM WILL DONATE TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN FOODSTUFF TO LIBERATED AREAS OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE ON AN EQUOOL BASIS. UP TO NOW THE FOOD PROGRAM HAS MAINLY ASSISTED REFUGEES LIVING OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIES. ITEM
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